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Dear

I am replying to your letter of January 16 to Secretary Haig concerning Raoul Wallenberg.

The United States Government has been concerned over the fate of Raoul Wallenberg since the case first came to light at the end of World War II. We have taken every appropriate opportunity to ask Soviet authorities for a clarification on the Wallenberg case. When we received reports which indicated the possibility that Wallenberg might still be alive, we raised the matter with the Soviets on numerous occasions throughout 1979. They finally answered, formally and in writing, in February of 1980, stating that Wallenberg had died in July of 1947. They also informed the Swedish Government of this finding and they indicated that they would have no further information on Wallenberg in the future.

The Wallenberg case, however, remains a matter of concern for the United States Government. We have continued our efforts to gain information regarding his fate. Most recently, in December of 1980 at the Madrid CSCE Review Conference, the United States delegation voiced its support for the position of the Government of Sweden when the Swedish delegation urged renewed efforts to resolve the Wallenberg case. In addition, representatives from the American Embassy in Stockholm attended sessions of the recent hearing on the Wallenberg case held in Stockholm on January 15 and 16 of this year. We intend to cooperate with the Government of Sweden to continue seeking information that will clarify the fate of this brave man.

Sincerely,

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